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News and Comment

J. R. Dye is the big horse buyer in Southern Rail's County.

Hugh Hoar, of Perry, had two cars of cattle on the Chicago market the other day and the cattle averaged 1210 pounds and brought \$6.20.

Judge H. T. Spurling, of near Skinner, sold 20 head of 3-year-old steers the other day to Clark & Household-r. Messrs. Clark & Household-r are now feeding 180 head of cattle for the market.

A Nodaway school teacher was recently assessed \$21 fine and costs for whipping one of his pupils too hard, and the Macon Times suggests that hereafter teachers seek their switches in soothing syrup to ease the pain.

A. M. Dockery, says the Democratic party, will go before the country next year advocating the tariffs, the free coinage of silver, taxation of income and luxuries, opposition to imperialism and trusts, and urge commercial expansion in its fullest sense. Pretty good platform, thank you.

Big Stock Buyers.

The Vandalia Leader says: Vandalia is one of the best shipping points in this part of the State. Last year James W. Lewellen did \$120,000 business in that line, and says he expects to go beyond that figure this year \$26,000.

There are three big shippers and buyers in Vandalia besides Mr. Lewellen, among them, J. D. Lewellen, J. F. Coontz & Co. and W. E. Parker.

I. O. O. F. Officers.

Mexico I. O. O. F. lodge elected the following officers last Thursday night:

J. D. Miller, N. G.
A. J. Winscott, V. G.
C. R. Macfarlane, Rec. Sec.
Gus. Steinman, Per Sec.
S. Philip, Treas.

The lodge voted in favor of W. M. Treloar to represent the district at the Grand Lodge meeting in Kansas City.

Damage for \$1,000.

Elwin Larkin, of near Centuria, has won his suit in the Kansas City Court of Appeals, taken from Boone County, against the Western Union Telegraph Co. The damages assessed are \$1,030. Fry and Clay, of Mexico, were the attorneys for plaintiff.

Larkin about a year ago was driving to Centuria when his team became entangled in some wire belonging to the telegraph company; the team ran away, and Larkin sustained a badly injured leg. His suit originally was for \$1,500.

however—until Kruger let them off with a fine of \$125,000 each and with an oath that they would never discuss or participate in Transvaal politics again. Rhodes being an officer in the English army, refused to take the oath, and was banished from the Transvaal, under penalty of death should he ever return.

ENGLISH COMMENT.

One Reason for McKinley's Quitting the Monroe Doctrine.

All the London papers had editorials on President McKinley's message to Congress. The Daily Telegraph said:

"What differentiates the present from preceding messages is its all but formal admission that the United States have been drawn into the eddies of Eastern politics. It is the Far East which is the real reason for this partial abandonment of Monroeism. So far as Great Britain is concerned there is no apprehension, but rather unqualified satisfaction at the new departure."

The Daily Mail said: "Commercial expansion is the dominant note of the message. Shipping subsidies are plainly hinted at. If Congress carries these into effect, British ship owners and shipping firms will have to break through all rings and enter upon a new epoch of enterprise."

The Daily News said: "It is quite evident that the United States are to become one of the great naval Powers of the world. Mr. Chamberlain will find but cold comfort between the lines of the message. While it urges a good understanding with all the countries, it is not effusive with its own. It sins any where in that way it is for the benefit of Germany, and Americans will do all in their power to make the two countries the best of friends."

The Morning Post, after noting that President McKinley's language regarding Great Britain is "cordial but cautious," said: "We are surprised to find his positions in relation to the new possessions of the United States much less emphatic than those he used during the summer and autumn in speeches he delivered in various parts of the Republic."

The Standard said: "The message is comprehensive, but not exciting, especially so far as external relations are concerned. President McKinley's language is carefully guarded on Anglo-American relations. He is friendly, but does not mean to be fervid. Toward Germany, on the other hand, he is very cordial."

"The reference to 'entangling alliances' would probably have been omitted if a certain speech at Leicester had not been delivered. Probably Mr. McKinley's party, and most American's who are connected with industrial interests, are anxious to promote close relations with Great Britain, but the Irish voters and the anti-expansionists have to be considered."

So Should Audrain.

This item from the Elsberry Gazette: Mrs. Ada Smith of near Burr Oak, brought a load of turkeys to Elsberry last Friday and sold them to W. T. Cunningham realizing the neat sum of \$30.95. On the following day, Saturday, she brought in two more loads which she sold for \$65.45. She informed us that she had another wagon load at home. The three loads she sold brought her \$96.40, several dollars more than the average farmer gets for his hogs. Lincoln county ought to have more women like Mrs. Smith.

Popular With the Farmers.

M. R. K. Biggs, of Audrain County, is also being talked of as a senatorial candidate. The district is now represented by Senator Major, of Pike, who was chairman of the committee that investigated St. Louis officials last winter. Mr. Biggs lives at the town of Farber, and is reputed to be quite popular with the farmers, and his votes are heavy in the district.

A COLORED OFFICER.

George Williams, a Negro, Was Deputy Constable For a Day.

Vandalia Leader.

There is a case of so-called small pox on Cuivre. It is the wife of George Williams, colored, who is supposed to have contracted the disease at Martinsburg. She was in bed a day or two but otherwise has suffered no inconvenience. Constable H. P. Middleton, who has charge of quarantine affairs, visits the neighborhood daily and supplies the wants of the colored people, who seem perfectly contented so long as they don't want for anything. Some of them kick every day for some article of clothing. The latest came from a colored girl, who wanted one of those light cloaks at Nagel's. She didn't get it.

A young colored man from Wellsville went out to the infected district the other day and remained all night. Constable Middleton had previously ordered him away, and altho he refused to do it at the time, finally consented to do so. But he did not go and the constable went after him in dead earnest next morning. He expected the constable to take him there and started to get in the officer's buggy, but when that gentleman declined his company George Williams volunteered to do the deed, provided the officer would deputize him. He was given the power and he forthwith secured a mule for himself and a gripped mule for the stranger. Williams started off with his prisoner, a belt around his waist just under his arms, and in it was a big revolver, the handle of which striking him just under the chin. Those who saw the procession going down the road readily recognized it as a peculiar one. Williams never took his eyes off the negro in front of him. He met several friends who wanted some explanation of his peculiar conduct. To them he only replied: "I'm an officer ob de law in de performance ob my duty. Don't disturb me." Williams told the negro, after he had driven him into the limits of Wellsville, that he would "sholy kill him if he was ever caught in that neighborhood again." And he "sholy" will do it.

Why Not Mexico?

Let Mexico taxpayers consider the following, taken from the American Standard, of Frankfort, Indiana:

The city council, as a committee of investigation into the merits of municipal ownership of the public utilities, made its first town last week, taking in the city of Logansport, where both the lighting and water plants are owned and operated by the city. The gentlemen went especially to inspect Logansport's electric lighting plant as that is directly along the line of improvement that is contemplated by the Council for our own city. The committee was given a cordial reception by Logansport's city authorities, and were most favorably impressed with what they saw of the operation of the lighting system under municipal ownership. They were thoroughly convinced, so far as Logansport is concerned, that there is no doubt in the world that the city made a wise move when it installed its own plant. Incidentally the committee also took a look at the Logansport water works, which are also owned by the city. As in the case of the lighting plant the committee was impressed with the service given by this department and the cheapness with which consumers are furnished. Other cities owning their own lighting and water services will be visited, and we feel safe in predicting that at none of the places will the Council find anything but favorable evidence that municipal ownership of public utilities is all and more than is claimed for it.

John Wainmaker pays \$100,000 a year for a page ad. in the Philadelphia Record.

THE COUNTY PAPER.

The Only Salvation for Our Republic.

To the editor of the MESSAGE.
VANDALIA, Mo., Nov. 28.—In your paper of last week I read an article from my old friend and neighbor, S. P. Underwood, which I heartily endorse. Among other things he says that the county newspaper is the nursery of thought. This being true we see that the thoughts or ideas are brought out and are read by many who would otherwise never hear or know, as many of our people of both political parties see nothing but the county papers, and others who read the metropolitan or political papers, become biased as the papers are, leaning one way or the other, and are liable to do a decisive.

The manner in which our government has been run now for many years clearly shows the necessity of two political parties, as we see that unscrupulous men get into power and will flourish for a time but when the common people can no longer be humbugged they must go, hence we see the necessity of the county paper as an educator.

I have been for years writing articles for the county papers, and while I am a Democrat and believe in Democratic principles, I have always condemned the action of the leaders when in my opinion they had gone wrong, as in the case of Cleveland, Carlisle, Palmer and others. I have never been personal in any of my articles to any members of any party except its leaders, as many of my warmest friends are Republicans, but have always endeavored to state facts, and only become personal when personally attacked, and then I go at them without gloves. Any Republican has the same right to give his views on public questions that I have, and I never have nor never will jump on a man for giving his opinion honestly expressed. And when I calmly look at the acts of the Republican leaders it seems to say to me that they are trying to bring about national suicide.

I will here note only a few of the high-handed facts.

1. The striking down of the silver dollar.
2. The creation of combinations that set the price of nearly every thing that the people consume and the stamp act which compels the poor to pay tribute on his expenses instead of the bond holder on his profits.

No man can say that it is consistent with our Declaration of Independence to carry on the war with the Philippines. Some will tell us that the Filipinos are not capable of self government. Old England told our fathers that. And supposing that they are not capable, what is it our business? All these and the seeming desire of those in power to shield these men in high places who have without precedent shown that they are unworthy to bear the name American citizens.

Here I will discuss a few of them. Hanna who was accused of buying his seat in the United States Senate and an investigation was refused, and the Alger beef scandal, then Egan's retirement on \$75,000 a year, and the Captain Carter case when millions were stolen.

These things are all wrong and are not upheld by any of our people and ought to be exposed. There is no way that you can reach the people so well as through the county newspaper. So come again, Underwood. You are right. Exp. wrong, whether Democrat or Republican, as the plain people will have to rally around principle or our government is gone.

Yours truly,

S. E. KENDALL.

We told you so, the MESSAGE is here to help make Mexico a city. We were the first to speak out in favor of the city owning her public utilities. It's coming to that, too.

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**The Missouri Message,
Mexico, Mo.**

PROGRAM.

Of the Central Audrain Teachers' Institute to be Held This Week.

Following is the program of the meeting of the Central Audrain Teachers' Institute to be held at the Walker school house Dec. 16, beginning at 10 a. m.

Song by the Institute.

Invocation, Prof. French Strother.

Address of welcome, T. B. Ham.

Response, G. F. Bennett.

Song by the Institute.

Paper—How the Patron May Help the Teacher, Miss Mary Cookley.

General discussion.

Paper—Methods of Teaching History, N. B. Barnes.

Discussion, led by Misses Nora Able and Minnie Harrison.

Adjournment for dinner, 12 to 1:30.

Song, by quartet.

Class drill by the pupils of the Walker school.

Paper—To What Extent Should Drawing be Taught in the Rural Schools? Miss Eva Kanatzar.

Discussion, led by Misses Henrietta Johnson and Katie Atkinson.

Paper—Language Methods, Prof. Faulkner.

Paper—Hindrances in Teaching and Their Remedies, G. F. Burdette.

Discussion, by R. G. Hale and Misses Nellie Hoover and Lelia Cohoon.

Do We Need a Compulsory School Law?

Discussion, by W. C. Wybrant, E. M. Woody, and Prof. Cox.

Corporal Punishment. Discussion by Misses Myrtle Harmon and Dolly Grigsby and J. W. Stevens.

A cordial invitation is extended to all teachers in the county to be present and help us.

Death From Very Odd Cause.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 6.—Joseph Johnson, an old and respected citizen of this county, residing near Negro, came to his death yesterday in a peculiar manner, and his wife is now lying at the point of death from the same cause.

It seems that Johnson recently discovered some mineral on his land which he believed to be silver and gold ore. Some specimens were given to an expert to test, which he did with prussic and other acids.

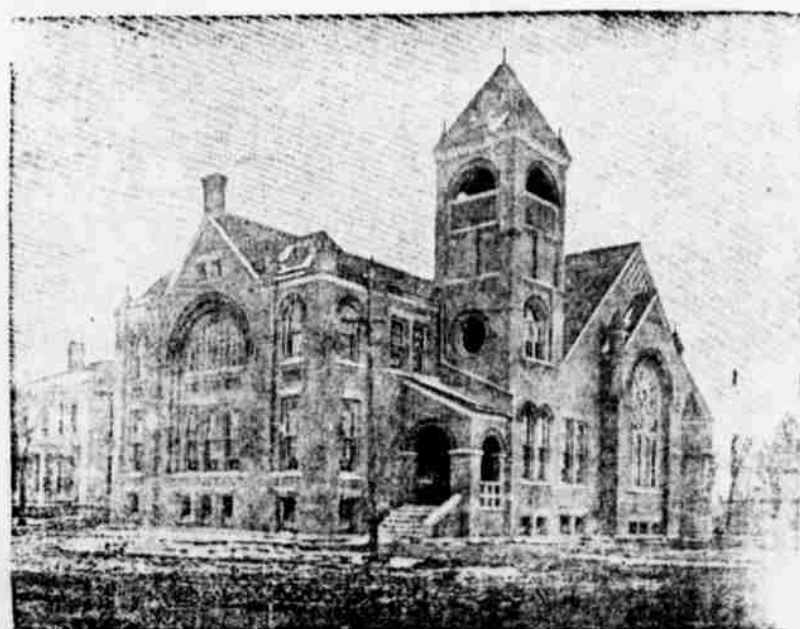
On Thursday Johnson conceived the idea of putting the specimens in the cook stove and melting them while his wife was cooking dinner. After they had eaten a hearty dinner they were taken sick and a physician was called, who diagnosed the case as poison. He says the victim's cooking on the stove absorbed the prussic and other acids that had been used on the specimens of ore and resulted in the death of Johnson and perhaps fatal illness of his wife.

Costliest Wine.

The most costly and precious wine in the world is that contained in a cask named the Rose, in Bremen town hall cellars. This Rudesheim, of the vintage of the year 1653, is the color of old ale. It is never sold, but is used exclusively for the sick of Bremen, the only exceptions having been when a small bottle was presented to Emperor William I. another to Frederick III., and one to Prince Bismarck.

Physic Street.

Canton possesses the queerest street in the world in spite of the fact that in nearly all the big towns in this country there are some remarkable streets. The chief thing attaching to this eccentric thoroughfare is the fact that it is roofed in with glazed paper fastened on bamboo and contains more signboards to the square foot than any other street in any other country. The next interesting fact about this Canton byway is that, though a business street, it contains no other shops but those of apothecaries and dentists' parlors; no professional men but doctors. It is a sick man's paradise and a Chinese physician's Klondyke. They call it Physic street, which is descriptive if not picturesque.



Mexico Presbyterian Church